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SUBJECT: TURKISH AIRLINE CRASH OF MARCH 3, 1974

REF: STATE 244041 OF OCTOBER 14, 1975 (NOTAL); PARIS
A-243 OF JUNE 3, 1975

1. MR. G.S. RYAN, PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION DESCRIBED IN PARIS A-243, HAVING BEEN ADVISED THAT NO USG FUNDS EXIST FOR MEMORIAL AT CRASH SITE (DEPREFTEL), HAS AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF USG CONTRIBUTION IN LETTER TO EMBASSY. RYAN SUPPORTED REQUEST WITH COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY NATIONALITY OF VICTIMS. ASSOCIATION HAS RAISED ABOUT 97,000 OF GOAL OF ABOUT 112,000 FRENCH FRANCS (FF 322.50 PRO RATA FOR 346 VICTIMS). PRIVATE US CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FAMILIES OF 13 OF 25 US VICTIMS HAVE AMOUNTED TO FF 1,929, LEAVING US DEFICIT OF FF 6,133.50 (ABOUT DOLS 1,400).

2. RYAN POINTED OUT THAT BRITISH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS BRITISH AIRWAYS AND TURKISH AIRLINES CONTRIBUTED TO MEMORIAL FUND. HIS TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE MONIES. WE DO KNOW FROM LETTER IN FILE THAT GERMAN GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION ON BEHALF OF THE SINGLE GERMAN VICTIM WAS ABOUT \$150. FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROVIDED LAND FOR MEMORIAL IN ERMENONVILLE FOREST AT PEPPERCORN RENT AS WELL AS FUNDS FOR SEPARATE MEMORIAL IN CEMETERY.

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3. EMBASSY HAS REPLIED TO MR. RYAN, REPEATING THAT NO APPROPRIATED FUNDS EXIST FOR US GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO MEMORIAL, BUT ALSO ADVISING HIM THAT DEPARTMENT BEING INFORMED OF HIS RENEWED REQUEST.

4. IN VIEW OF SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED (\$1,400) DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING SOME SOURCE FOR A USG CONTRIBUTION.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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